

Stopping the paralysis: parent's night at FSC



Student addresses panel
by Maria Mewing
and Christine Houle
Strobe staff

Strobe photo by Andrea Wallace

With the Legislature being in the middle of a predicted "budget impasse" (Boston Globe, Feb. 19, 1990) (not enough votes to support cuts or a tax increase), it seems Massachusetts is headed for another record deficit. This leaves many with increased con-

cerns over the state of public higher education.

In an effort to alleviate some concerns, and allow members of the academic community to express their views, the Public Relation office of FSC, Michael Shanley and Daniel Flynn, took action.

On Feb. 6, regional legislators Stanley Rosenburg (D-Amherst), Nicholas Paleologos

For instance, the Budget Bureau records show the change in taxpayer support for state expenditures:

	fiscal year 88	fiscal year 89	estimated by 90
higher education	757,208	727,556	691,609
exec. agency	8,146,116	8,779,908	8,953,391
total state	10,369,738	11,371,055	11,675,391
	% change 88-89	% change 89-90	% change from 88-90
higher education	-3.9%	-4.9%	-8.7%
exec. agency	+7.8%	+2.0%	+9.9%
total state	+9.7%	+2.7%	+12.6%

Note: Executive Agencies and Total State expenditures exclude retained revenue. Executive Agencies and Total State exclude Higher Education.

(D-Woburn), Robert A. Antonioni (D-Ward 6), Chester Suhoski (D-Gardner), and legislative aide, Ron LeBlanc for George Bourque (D-Wards 1-5) came to address a panel of students, faculty and trustees from FSC and Mount Wachusett Community College.

"The turnout was better than expected," according to Shanley, "we knew it would be hard to get people out here, especially because parents work all day, so we were quite impressed."

While the school does have many non-traditional students attending, the "average student" is still financially tied to their parents. (Since the majority of the students here rely on their parents for financial support throughout school, the parents end up bearing the brunt of the fee increases...) These are the people Flynn and Shanley hoped to reach. They knew parents of public college students were continually being asked to bear the weight of each

cut in the educational budget.

Shanley likened the each fee increase to a tax.

"The legislators don't want to increase anything, so they pass the cuts on to the institution, knowing the (state-supported) institution will have to pass it on to the student," said Shanley.

According to a fact sheet provided by the Public Relations office, "Massachusetts was the only state in the nation to decrease support for public higher education in 1989, despite having one of the smallest public sector budgets. Massachusetts has one of the largest state scholarship grant programs for private college attendance which grew more rapidly than inflation or public college budgets in the 1980's and has not been cut. However, public campus budgets have been cut \$40

FSC Student Trustee, Dana Harrington, wanted to know who supported the Dukakis proposal to cut \$26 million in scholarship aid to students. All of the legislators there were supporters of public education. All commented that they did not endorse these cuts.

Rep. Suhoski said he explains FY90 mess in a three page packet he passed out entitled "Wanted: An Explanation of Dirty 'T' Words, The Budget Crisis...The Truth Is Needed" with answers promised answers inside.

The answers Rep. Suhoski provided explained the Fiscal mess in terms of Neo-federalism (Reaganomics) in which he says the federal government abandons Proposition 2 1/2, the

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Career Corner

Are there jobs after graduation?

by Doug Sherman
Director, Career Services

This semester I've been clipping articles on the job market from the "Boston Globe" and posting them on the G-Lobby Bulletin Board. You won't need to spend too much time reading them to get a sense of their general tone. In fact, you would have to have your head in bag not to have some idea of the condition of our state's economy. Usually when we are in school, we are somewhat isolated from the events in the business world, but this year they have probably affected you very personally. Your crisis fee and the classes that are not in your schedule this semester are in large part a result of the much lower than anticipated revenues from Massachusetts businesses. If you are graduating this May, the condition of our job market may too soon turn for you from an abstract concept to stacks of letters start-

ing with, "Sorry, nothing is available at this time."

Is the market as bad as that? Let's take a brief look at its major areas.

Education: It's hard to see how it could be worse right now. If Dukakis ends up withholding the next payment to local cities and towns, we could be facing a breakdown of our public school system.

High Tech: A host of our state's major employers including Wang, Digital, Data General, Prime have been laying off or losing money. Some, like Wang, may not survive.

Manufacturing: Our state continues to lose manufacturing jobs at an alarming rate. 13,000 disappeared last year; another 19,000 are anticipated to vanish this year.

Government: Let's just say I hope your dream job does not involve working for the state. Not this year.

Health Care: If you are a nursing or med tech major, you will still have a job waiting for you when you graduate, but perhaps not quite the selection in recent years. Hospitals still have severe nursing shortages and profit shortages.

Financial Services: This was one of the hottest areas of our economy a couple of years ago. Some areas of it are still above water. If you look at our recruiting schedule this semester, you will see a number of financial services/insurance companies on it. Banks, however, have been going into financial crisis.

Construction: 13,000 jobs gone last year.

Business Services: Much of the growth in our state was in this area. Obviously, those companies that depend on other successful businesses are going to have some problems as well.

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by Todd Weldon
Strobe staff

Congratulations were extended to the Sophomore class for the Winter Carnival, to the Programs Committee for their successful Mount Wachusett Ski Nite, and to Dana Harrington for his excellent job at the legislator's night during the February 13 meeting.

The Sophomore class was applauded for their great organization of the Winter Carnival. Photos from this event are expected within the next few weeks and tables will be organized in G-Lobby for their distribution. The Programs Committee was successful in having 69 students participate in the Wachusett ski night.

Dana Harrington was praised for his job on the panel at the Regional Legislator's Night on Feb. 6. His work was praised and supported by the SGA council.

Presently, SGA has an opening for the Public Information Officer (PIO) post. This position primarily handles elections, deals with the poster policies and acts as an intermediary

providing information between SGA and the student population. All interested individuals are asked to visit the SGA office or contact an SGA officer.

A unanimous vote of 29-0 initiated by the Executive Board passed motion #24, which approved support for Earth Day '90. The Senior Class announced plans for a Senior Ball on April 20, 1990 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. Presently tickets are priced at \$75. Several fundraisers have been planned to reduce the cost of the tickets.

According to an announcement by the Commuter's Board, there will be a Renter's Rights meeting with SGA lawyer, William Riley on Tuesday, March 5. The time is 3:00 p.m. in the Richard Kent Recital Hall (CM150). The Commuters Board also announced four open positions in their ranks.

Dana Harrington invited students to attend the next Student Trustee meeting on March 7. An SGA hosted Lip-Sync is also planned for the same day.

FEATURES



Tebogo Makhene

Strobe photo by Andrea Wallace

Makhene comments on Mandela's release

by Maria Krembrenk
Strobe staff

Among our student body, there is a woman who experienced first hand the effect Nelson Mandela's imprisonment had on black South Africans. This student is Manhattan born Tebogo Makhene. In 1971, at the age of six, she moved to South Africa where she resided for the next fourteen years, and where her family presently lives. In a recent interview, Makhene commented on the release of Nelson Mandela.

When Makhene heard the news of Mandela's release, she was extremely excited. Mandela was imprisoned before Makhene was even born, but she can remember people around her talking about him as she grew up. "My parents made me aware of the political situation surrounding me, but I was protected from it," stated Makhene.

Makhene has mixed feelings on what the motives behind releasing Mandela might have been. "Everything is happening so fast and I don't understand the sudden change. I think the president might

have personal motives for the release of Mandela," stated Makhene. "Mandela was growing old and maybe they were afraid he would die in jail. I don't think it was political pressure, because it did take 27 years for him to be released," added Makhene.

When asked if she had seen any rallying that may have prompted Mandela's release, Makhene said that she had seen none. She explained that people who rally will get arrested.

In response to the question of what she sees as Mandela's next step, Makhene said that she can not predict the future, but knows that he is currently visiting comrades who are in exile in Lusaka.

Tebogo is studying public relations, and hopes to continue her education and study International Politics in graduate school. With her educational background, Makhene hopes to fight the power in South Africa. "I can use both of these degrees in helping to fight the war against apartheid," she said. Makhene hopes to someday return to South Africa for employment.

Get a head start on financial aid

by Stephanie George
Contributing writer

You are now entering the world of acronyms! Have you received your W-2s, completed your 1040, or submitted your FAF to the CSS? Have you returned your SARS to the FAO? Applied for an MSS? If you have, you're ahead of about 3,000 students at Fitchburg State College. So do you have any idea? Welcome to the wonderful world of financial aid.

Now that the March 30 (freshman/transfer) and April 30 (returning students) deadlines are approaching, it is time for students to complete Financial Aid forms (FAF) for the 1990-91 academic year. The FAF is submitted to the College Scholarship Fund (CSS), located in Princeton, New Jersey. To meet the deadline for returning students, the FAF should be filed by February 30. When the FAF is received, it is analyzed to determine a student's eligibility for a Pell Grant, an educational grant provided by the U.S. Government. To apply for a Massachusetts State Scholarship (MSS), fill in the box at question 78B and send an additional \$2.50.

Once your FAF is processed, the CSS will send each applicant a Student Aid Report (SAR). This report must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Financial Aid Office (FAO), located in the lower level of the Sanders Administration Building. Along with the SAR, a completed financial aid file must

include signed copies of student's and parent's 1989 tax returns, FSC financial aid application, a financial aid transcript from each college previously attended, and a business supplement if student or parent is self-employed. You must also provide information regarding the following programs if you are involved in them: Social Security, AFDC, General Relief, Child Support, Veteran's SIC and Death Pension, and Workman's Compensation. Other programs include allowances, housing, food, living for clergy or military, or housing or board provided free in exchange for your services. If students have questions or need information, appointments can be made with financial aid counselors by contacting the FAO, or coming in to the office.

Applying for financial aid can be very confusing. Students should try to complete the process as quickly as possible. Due to large cuts in state funding for education, tuition costs at state colleges may increase 7-15%. Cuts may also result in larger college work study and Guaranteed Student Loans Awards, but lower gift aid awards. Gift Aid includes tuition waivers, Massachusetts State Scholarships, and SEOG Grants. If students complete this by the deadline, they are more likely to have their needs met with aid.

Once all documentation is submitted to the FAO, a student's file is completed. Only a completed file can be reviewed and awarded assistance by Financial Aid counselors.

Financial Aid counselors award financial aid based on the student's financial need (FN). Financial Need is the cost of education (CE) minus Family Contribution (FC). $CE - FC = FN$. Cost of education includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and other expenses related to attending college. Family contribution is the amount a student and their family are expected to contribute toward the cost of the student's education. FC is calculated by a standard called the Congressional Methodology (CM). The CM has been passed by the U.S. Congress which includes taxable, non-taxable income, savings accounts, benefits, and other assets when determining a student's family contribution.

Once a student's financial need is established, financial aid can be awarded in many forms. college work study (CWS), tuition waivers, SEOG, Pell Grants, Massachusetts State Scholarships, other scholarships and low interest loans are among the many variations of help you can receive.

FAF forms and scholarship applications are available at the FAO.

One woman play commemorates Afro-American History Month

by Maria Krembrenk
Strobe staff

"Children, I came here to tell you a story," began the one woman play, Spirit, Black and Female, starring Linda Humes. Humes credits include a part in The Wiz, a Broadway musical, and motion picture. The play took place on Tuesday, February 13, at Weston Auditorium.

Interesting props were scattered about on stage which consisted of one chair with a white knitted shawl draped over it, the kind you are used to seeing your grandmother wear. In front of the chair on the floor of the stage, lay a gray wig and gold pumps. Next to the chair was a coffee table with a square framed picture of a young man propped up on it. Under the table sat a big radio/tape player, otherwise known as a boom box. Next to the coffee table was a hat rack with a white feather scarf hanging from it, the kind that a lady of the night or a Broadway dancer may wear.

Towards the corner of the stage was a screen for Humes to change her clothing

behind, with a purple satin dress thrown over it.

When the lights went down for the show, there were about forty audience members, just about filling up the middle section of the auditorium.

Prior to Humes appearing on stage, Michael Ray and Montego Joe performed on the piano and a drum respectively. Michael Ray sang an original composition entitled Black and White, that depicted the life of a boy named Rico. Rico's mother died and left him alone without anything but a black and white portrait of his lost family. The song had incredible depth and was sung beautifully.

Next, Montego Joe performed a drum solo. Joe explained the drum as "the life force of the people of Africa and also the Caribbean and Haiti in particular...the drum is considered a very sacred object and so is the drummer." To pound the drum, Montego Joe used his elbow, knuckles, a single finger and fingertips as well as the sides

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costs of the infamous budget busters (Health Care, Pension funding, Contractual obligations, Debt services, and MBTA costs), revenue losses, economic slowdown, the governor, and where Massachusetts gets its revenue from (personal sales tax, 45%, tax, 27%, Corporate/Business taxes, 16%, Fuel tax, 3%, and Estate and Inheritance Tax, 3%). He referred to it frequently during the course of the evening.

Some possibilities FSC could follow are Worcester State's outlook for a brighter future. One new organization stated Dan Harrington, WSC's

SGA President, is their new Budget Action Committee started by the student government. The committee's core of students relays information of the state and college budget to the student body.

The future of this committee depends upon its foundation. With a strong state the organization will be an excellent avenue for communication with legislatures. It is very hopeful that the Budget Action Committee will be used in the years to come.

"A state college is necessary in improving the state and achieving state goals," commented WSC's Harrington.


Rejoining the State Student Association of Massachusetts (SSAM) made things easier for

the WSC student leaders. According to Harrington, SSAM is a continuing source for the students and their communities to hear what all the state colleges will be getting from state funds. It will also allow for the advocacy of state funds.

Another angle that WSC has is that the President of SGA, Dan Harrington and the Student Trustee, Jeff Tergeon are members of the Student Advisory Council to board of regions. They feel this is another way to consolidate the interests of students because of the concerns for fees and student activity costs.

FSC Student Trustee Dana Harrington has extended invitations to to all students at the

S.G.A meetings to join him at Trustee meetings. It is his hope to begin organizing more students at FSC in the way WSC and other

state colleges are organizing in order to alleviate this far-reaching state budget problem. 



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So is the news all bad? Not necessarily. Keep in mind that this is just one year, one with some special political circumstances such as the refusal of the legislature to increase taxes to provide revenue is lost. Moreover, what really happened is simply that the party's over. We enjoyed phenomenal growth in recent years, but now the growth has slowed. If you think in future terms, you begin to realize that you probably have 40 years or more in the work world ahead of you with many economic swings.

There are some reasons to be optimistic about our state's economy. Biotechnology and fiber optics both have a very rosy future in this state. There are still a lot of successful start-up computer companies out there. In fact, according to a recent survey by "Inc. Magazine," 29 of the 500 fastest growing private businesses in the state are in Massachusetts, the third highest number in the country and the highest on a per capita basis.

But what if you are a graduating senior? Keep in mind that we are talking statistics, but you need only find one job. There are still jobs out there. The most

important thing for you to do is to be flexible. The job of your dreams may not be around, but working to get your foot in the door might be wise for the future. If you have unrealistic expectations, you can expect to wait a long time before you see a paycheck.

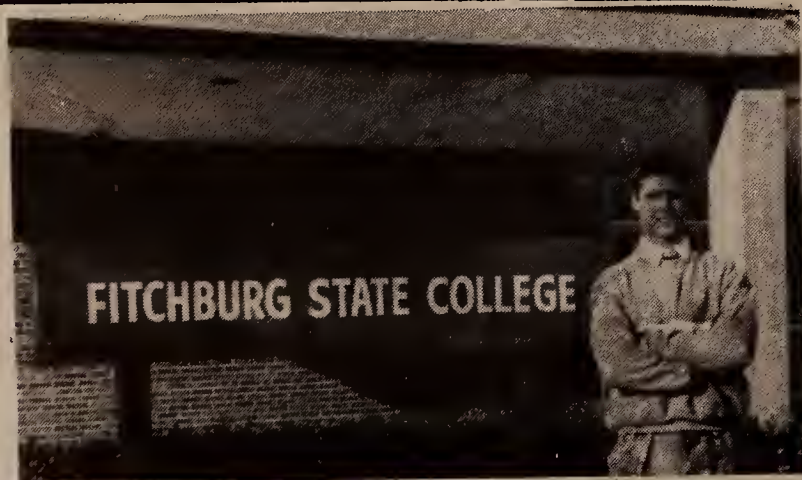
If you still have a year or two (or even three) before you graduate, now is the time to help yourself out. Try to get some meaningful experience, whether it's an internship, a summer job or a leadership position on campus. It may determine whether there is a job waiting for you when after graduation.

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or rim of the drum. His drum solo was very powerful, almost roaring violently at times, to a faint beating, barely audible.

Finally, Humes strutted on stage in a gray two piece suit and a briefcase in hand. She sang, strutted, and proceeded to take off her jacket and skirt to reveal a floral print dress. She then sat in the chair, put on the gray wig and

shawl and said, "children, I came here to tell you a story." The story that unraveled was about all the different aspects that make up a black woman. In her own words, "I am the sum of all my parts. I am the African female... spirit, black, and female." The show carried you away into the world of the black female for just a brief hour with the audience laughing at frequent intervals, while at other times overcome by ponderance by what was said.



Mike Cunningham, Fitchburg State College

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PERSONALS

Personals are 35 cents and a Personals table is set up every Wednesday in G-lobby. We reserve the right to edit personals.

Jack Cunningham,
Roses are red, violets are blue, it wasn't as good for me, but I know it was for you, 5 times!

To Sigma Tau Gamma's Founding Father Class,
The school administration thanks you for contributing to the school and community. Special thanks to the starters (John Mutascio-President) and (Tom Clarke-V.P-Executive) Keep up the success. From administration and Sigma Tau

Wendy,
It's Wednesday, 11 days later. Now they're all reminiscing. So sad! -Jenn

Attention FSC Students-
A taxi to Peerless and back costs \$8.50!

B.B.-
I thought you were tired! -Not that tired!

Patrick-
We must stop keeping these late hours (plus, I hate whispering). Fluffy

Kim B.-
Your roommate loves you!! Things will get better! MS

B-Star-
Front seat tickets only? At least we know how to ride....

Michelob-
WHY?...

J.C.-
2 weeks until you go, don't forget to call me. See you in the sunshine- Love you, Ria

Eric-
...But are you sure? After the past three months I can definitely say yes, I am. Love Penelope

Jules-
Big Pachanga! Trish & Ria

Chrissy-
Happy 15th. We're still the one. Beware of 1-900-tevie! Love Gary

Listen to "RILEY'S ROAST" every Friday morning from 8-10 with Iceman Dave and Ryan Matta on 91.3 WXPL. "Don't Be A Piece of Crap."

Gaff,
Jeremy Shmeremy! HA!! Kate, Mel, Nell

Ria,
Have a slammer for me at safa, I hope to meet you for one. Jules

Dish,
Thanks for the three-some the other night. Tell poopsie I say hello Love St. Jules

Mich,
Have a nice Valentine's Day! We'll survive!! Thanks Jules

Good Luck IOTA and SIGMA Pledges. Pee Double

#19,
A girl is kissing a guy...She turns to him and says "I'm not really like this." Who believes her anyway??
#13

Linda Moller,
How's my kid doing? Granps

ESOS PACK FUDGE
SOANGETAHA

Sue,
Only 8 weeks and 2 days left! You better do it!!
Love, Cathy

Mike:
If you stop doing Big girls, you might get a skinny one. That's a BIG might.
Guess Who?

Linda Moller,
You are OVER-RATED!! Happy Birthday Baby!
Love the TK's

#13,
Everyone believes a virgin! So what's your excuse??
#19

Medina,
Have you been in any Ladie's Rooms lately!!

Kelli & Tammie-
Thanks for a great 22!
Love, Mary

Charty-
Who was the man on Day St. with the great body?!
MAILLE

Lynn-
I want to go home, It's 5:00 and I need sleep!
Mary

Remember...the ONLY parties worth going to are MONOOSNOCK parties...See you tomorrow night for the DAY-TONA BEACH BASH.

Patty F.
Pat, this note may be a little late But what do you expect from me, the great.
I would like to extend my warmest B-Day wish
To the sweetest girl that they call Trish.

You are a sweet girl, that enjoys a good drink and you're a cool — by what the dogs think
Never the less have a great day
And, enjoy your party the Irish way!!
Happy B-Day Patricia,
Love Timothy

Melissa,
Why are you just standing there?? That girl is definitely looking at Louie!!!
Ha Ha , Jai

To my loser roommates at 24 Congress St:
NO MORE PARTIES!!!!
You Know Who

1-19,
No more Big Mac Attacks or Chicken Tenders
because I'm sick of fast food!! I'd rather go to an expensive, Big Italian restaurant.
-6

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DeCoy,
When's the barbeque? Could we borrow the grill on Spree Day??

Dan,
To circ or not to circ? We bought more paper bags...Could you show us how yours is cut please??
-88

Snub,
Get out! We hate you.
-Former Aubuchon Residents

Why did you go to F.S.C.? Find out if one of your reasons is on the top ten list. Buy a shirt if there are any left. Look in G-Lobby.

Linda,
These last four months have been really great. I hope we will have many more. Clean your room.
Love, Joe

Get ready for Spring break tomorrow night with FSC's official spring break warm-up party—The Daytona Beach Bash at your #1 party spot...Monoosnock

Girls at 229 Highland,
Clean the house!
BMOC

Marketing Society Members,
Doing a great job. Keep it up.

Suzi,
Heard there's a bouncer at "Who's on First" searching for a big red bow. Do you happen to know its whereabouts?
Check my coat. Kathy

Sean C.
Heard you've been awarded a full scholarship to D.D.U. Good luck those exams on munchkin making are a killer!!

Mad Brad-
Happy Birthday baby!
I love you always,
Your smokin' babe

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ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Shedding the light on sheaves

by Dianne Brown
Strobe staff

On Thursday, February 15, dancer-choreographer Caryl Sickul performed a masterpiece of culture and creativity in the Weston auditorium. The presentation was open to Fitchburg State College and the surrounding community.

Sickul had the ability to create an atmosphere of Indonesian beauty with exotic flowers lining the stage and each row of seats. A potpourri of jungle drums, ceremonial music and animal screeches filled the fragrant air. Colorful paper decorations surrounded the double doorways leading into the auditorium.

Throughout her performance, Sickul wore a white leotard with white tights and a sleeveless dress wrapped loosely around her. She had her hair up in a twisted bun woven together with exotic flowers. The ushers wore long patterned skirts wrapped around their waist and flowers in their hair as well.

The presentation was geared to a single day starting with the dewdrops of dawn, through the work day, and ending with the spirits of night. The dance was separated into five segments: Dawn Chorus, Rain Forest, Day Light, Long Shadows and Dusk.

While the roars and chirps of a tropical rainforest provided a backdrop, Sickul did an effective interpretation of jungle creatures with the aid of a mask and a leopard skin printed cloth. Her accuracy and smooth cat-like movements were similar to the hit musical "CATS."

In another dance, she provided her own music with a husk of straw sweeping the stage, whipping through the air and whisking it about. Portraying a typical work day, she carried a basket of food on her head, using a bamboo rod as an everchanging prop for fishing, boating, carrying water and other daily rituals.

Highlighting the presentation were the Wayang Shadow Puppets performed by Lu Ann Johnson and David Rancatore. The puppets were off stage in front of a light allowing their shadows to

be projected onto a screen in center stage, while colorful lights continually changed to suit the mood. Lu Ann and David's puppets demonstrated a dance of evil spirits. David controlled the evil spirit puppet

while Lu Ann maneuvered the female puppet. The effect was impressive.

Sickul captured her audience with beautiful shadow dances. One particularly beautiful dance was done by dancing in a parachute with a light behind it creating translucent shadows like an eerie amber butterfly. As the dusk approached and the sun set, she went on to perform another shadow dance, beautifully manipulating two large fans into her delicate composition. The lighting was done in such a way that Sickul became a black shadow against a sea blue background, capturing the illusion of twilight.

Closing with Gamalon's Jungle Fever, the entire performance was entertaining and informative as well as a veritable feast for the senses.

Nintendo 101

by Julie Johnston
Contributing Writer

There are often many ways that students relieve stress. Some exercise and some kick, scream and carry on, while others may keep a journal or simply "veg out." There seems, however, to be another trend in stress relief... Nintendo.

Through the corridors of Herlihy Hall, there is a staggering number of students who play this video sensation. Students travel from room to room, floor to floor, searching for the perfect and hopefully available cartridge to suit their mood.

The most popular games are the action games such as Galaga and Punch Out. Recently, when asking random video addicts the secret to their impul-

sive playing, there were several responses

ranging from boredom to a way of life as Chris Kelly, a freshman at FSC, states, "Nintendo is not a sport, it's a way of life." Rob Horowitz and Brandon McCarthy view Nintendo as "something to do between classes."

It seems that Nintendo is a tension reliever between classes, in order for these video "monguls" to avoid the monotony of the average school day.

When freshman Marc Nilsson was asked his favorite Nintendo game, he responded, "We play the newest game on the floor, and the best games are the ones that remain unmastered."

Nintendo is everywhere, and it seems to offer a constructive alternative for all those interested.

DeeJay of the Week

by Dan McDermott
Strobe staff

Welcome to the WXPL DJ of the Week column, where WXPL management chooses their next victim for fame and recognition.

This week, that victim is Julie Johnston. Johnston's show is "way

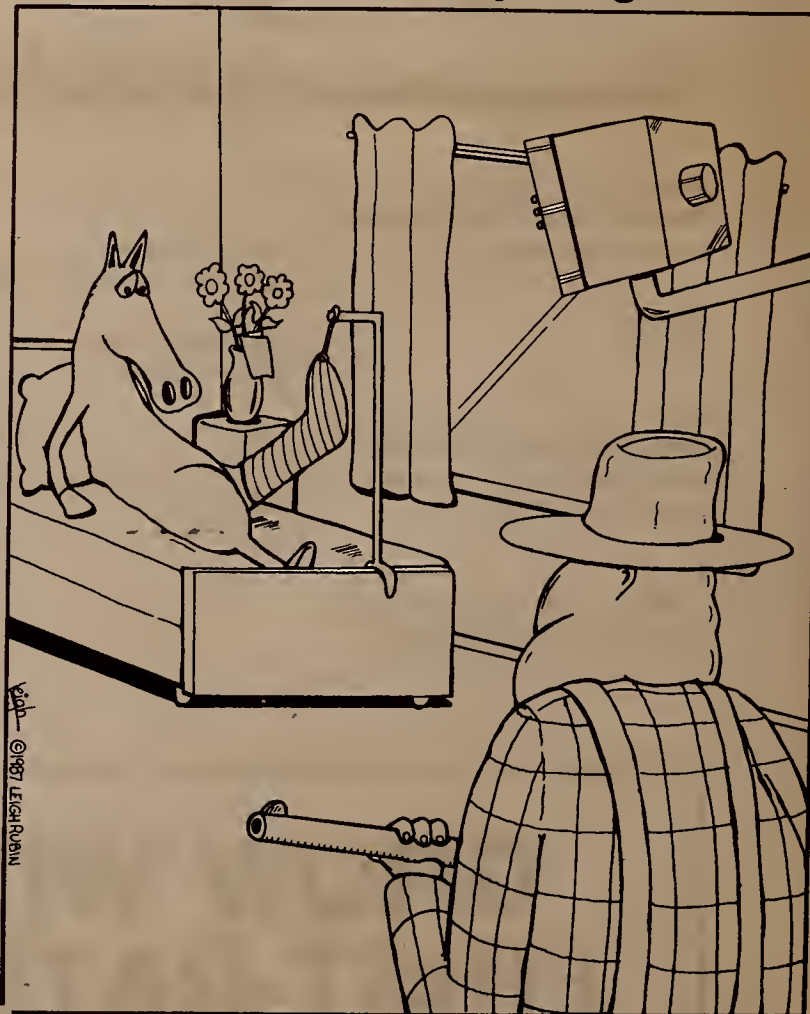
out in left quadrant," as she prefers to call her show, which airs every Friday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The core of her show, as well as the core of WXPL, is progressive music.

When not spinning the turntables with a progressive motion, Johnston is progressing at WXPL

as the station's new Public Relations Director. When you're not able to hear her DJaying, keep an eye out for posters, announcements, and contests. Chances are, those are the brainstormings of Julie Johnston.

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By Leigh Rubin



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Question of the Week



They should never have put Mandela in jail for all those years. It was a racial thing. In the history of black people, there had to be a leader. The blacks didn't want a white leader. They wanted Mandela. The whites didn't want Mandela so he went to jail.

Joseph Phillips

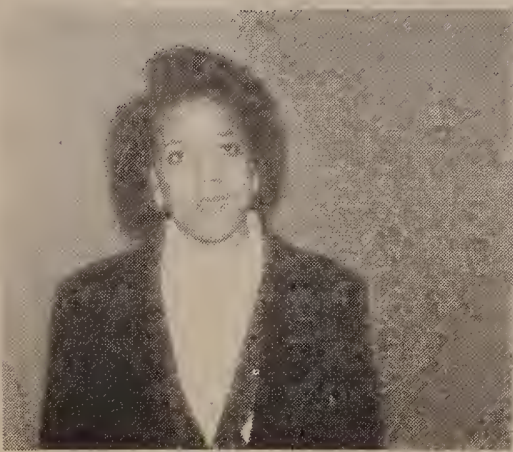
What are your thoughts about the release of Nelson Mandela?

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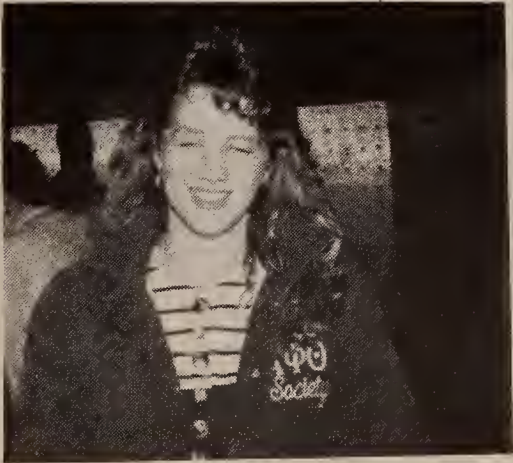
I think that it is a turning point in history and hope that it has positive effects in South Africa as far as human rights.

Carolyn Palo



I feel that he was kept in jail for too long for no apparent reason. With his release, this is a new beginning. Now with Mandela free, the fight will continue.

Anjanette Lopes



The poor man was stuck in jail for 27 years just for sticking up for what he believed in. Maybe he can make some good changes now.

Amy Bulens



I think it's great. Maybe they'll finally put Apartheid to rest. Everyone can live in peace together because that's the way it's supposed to be.

Carmen Logan

SPORTS

Hockey team heads to playoffs

by David Walsh
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The Fitchburg State College Hockey Team ended the regular season by splitting their final two games. A loss (9-3) to North Adams State College ended the Falcons eight game winning streak, while their 8-2 victory over New Hampshire College enabled them to finish with thirteen straight wins in the North-South Conference.

The Mohawks of NASC caught the Falcons flat-footed as they jumped out to a 4-0 lead after one period of play. Scott Hohmann put North Adams on the board first at 4:28 of the first period, assisted by Scott Johnston (three assists).

Rob Norton (three goals) and Scott Lopez (two goals) scored goals 30 seconds apart to make the score 3-0. Lopez made it 4-0 at 14:27 on an unassisted goal.

Mike Nordman increased the lead to 5-0 at 1:31 of the second period. Johnston and Mike Manning picked up assists on the goal.

The Falcons made a slight comeback as Steve Sullivan (two goals) and Steve Witkus scored the next three goals to close the

gap to 5-3. John Daly picked up assists on all three goals while Ken Venis picked up two assists.

Chris Kearney ended the Falcons rally by scoring with 1:31 left in the period to make it 6-3.

Norton added his final two goals in the third period, while Mike O'Brien added one goal to end the rout.

The Falcons rebounded from their blowout loss to whip New Hampshire College at the Wallace Civic Center. Steve Sullivan picked up his 22nd goal this season at 5:57 at the first period to give FSC a 1-0 lead. Steve Witkus (three assists) set up the goal.

Dave Greynolds picked up goal number 17 on the season to make the score 2-0. Eric Lopez picked up the assist on the goal.

Ken Venis (two goals) started off the second period by making it 3-0 at 2:17. Todd Flynn scored the first of his two goals on the power play at 10:02 of the period to make it 4-0.

Ed Jacobs, with an assist to Brian Porter, beat FSC goalie Joe Bina at 13:07 to make it 4-1.

Venis made it 5-1 with a power play goal at 2:24 of the final period. Daly and Sullivan picked assists

on the goal.

Mike Cooney closed the gap to three goals (5-2) with a goal at 1:40 of the period. Porter and Craig Mulcahy picked up the assists.

Mark Abbott scored the next two goals while Flynn added his second tally to ice the victory.

Sullivan finished the regular season with totals of 22-32-54. Witkus was a close second with 19-28-47.

The Falcons finished the regular season with a 17-4 record in the North-South, and an 18-7 overall record. They hope to get home ice advantage throughout the playoffs (depending on how SMU finishes). The Falcons have pretty much locked up the bye for the first round of the playoffs, with the seedings having been announced this past Sunday.

Here's a quick preview of definite and potential playoff teams:

SMU-Percentage points ahead of FSC until their stunning 5-4 loss to Amherst College, this team and FSC hope to meet for the ECAC North Championship for the third straight season. They are led by top goaltender Scott Pearsons, who led the North-South with a 2.30 GAA. FSC beat SMU 5-1

earlier this season.

Southern Maine beat FSC 4-3 in overtime earlier this season. This team is 11-5-2 in the conference and have played every team tough all season. They could be the surprise of the tournament.

Curry College-This team has had its ups and downs all season long. Their conference record (10-5-1 in the conference, but 10-14-1 overall) shows

that they are going to be very tough in the playoffs. FSC beat them 8-3 earlier in the season.

Assumption-Possible dark-horse of the playoffs. Goaltender Brian O'Connell will have to be sharp for Assumption to advance in the playoffs. FSC destroyed Assumption 9-2 three weeks ago.

Stonchill, New Hampshire College, and Saint Michael's are all still battling for a playoff position.

THE STREAK

A list of the teams the Falcons beat during their recent eight game winning streak.

Game 1	FSC 6 WNEC 4
Game 2	FSC 7 Tufts 1
Game 3	FSC 9 Assumption 2
Game 4	FSC 11 WSC 4
Game 5	FSC 8 Plymouth State 2
Game 6	FSC 7 Framingham State 3
Game 7	FSC 5 AIC 2
Game 8	FSC 5 Fairfield 0

SPORTS

Athlete of the week



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Lynn Dorow of the FSC Women's Basketball team, scored her 1,000th career point in the Falcons 89-30 demolition of Framingham State. Dorow also set the school

record for the most points in a game with 33 points in FSC's 68-48 win over North Adams State. Dorow leads the team with a 16.5 scoring average and an 8.9

rebounding average. She is one of the top scorers and rebounders in the MASCAC conference.

Basketball team finishes season on losing note

by David Walsh
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The Fitchburg State College Men's basketball team suffered losses in their final three regular season games to finish 6-19 under first year coach Bob Bonci.

Framingham State entered Parkinson Gymnasium and left with a 71-62 victory over the Falcons. Mike Allen led the way for Fitchburg State with 17 points, including three three-pointers. Jeff Black finished with twenty boards in another great performance for the MASCAC's leading rebounder.

Fitchburg State led 31-27 at halftime as Mike Goodchild had nine points and Black added eight in the low scoring half.

The Rams had a balanced all around attack in the second half as Oya Nicholas had 17 points in the second half to finish with a game high 20 points.

North Adams State clinched the MASCAC Championship in front of the Falcon faithful with a 79-59 win over a pesky FSC squad.

The Falcons, looking to rebound from their blowout at North Adams two weeks earlier, were led by Mike Goodchild's 30

points. Tony Paranto (seven three-pointers) and K.J. Wallace led the Mohawks with 23 points a piece.

Goodchild had 13 points in the half on six for ten shooting. Paranto's five three-pointers hurt the Falcons as they struggled to stay close. The Mohawks entered the half with a 44-29 lead.

Goodchild rarely missed in the second half with an eight for nine shooting performance that had the crowd buzzing with excitement. Unfortunately the number three ranked (in New England) Mohawks were too strong for the Falcons.

Bridgewater State and FSC faced off in the final regular season game at the Parkinson Gymnasium. The Bears ended the season with an 89-79 win over the Falcons.

Mike Goodchild led FSC with 18 points and six assists while Jeff Black finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds on the night. John Hickey led the Bears with 25 points and nine rebounds.

The game marked the end of senior Ed McGill's collegiate career. McGill finished with eight points, on four for eight shooting on the evening.

Bruins and Celtics weekly

by David Walsh
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Games of February 12-18
Bruins

Winnipeg 3 Boston 2
Mark Kumpel, a native of Wakefield Mass., takes advantage of goalie Andy Moog's mistake to pop home the winning goal and send the Bruins to their third straight loss. Ray Bourque (15th) and Bob Sweeney (17th) tallied the goals for Boston.

Boston 7 Vancouver 2
After a three day rest, the Bruins came out of the starting gates quickly to put an end to the losing streak.

Bourque (1 goal, 5 assists) led the offensive attack for the Bruins. Craig Janney and Andy Brickley scored two goals a piece, while Dave Christian and Sweeney added one goal each.

Boston netminder Reggie Lemelin has now allowed two goals or fewer in nine of his last 11 starts.

Celtics
Boston 107 Houston 94
The Celtics began the first leg of a killer road trip with a convincing win at Houston. Kevin McHale (28 points) was the high scorer for the Celtics. The big story of the game was Larry Bird's consecutive free-throw scoring streak ending at 71 straight.

Boston 106 San Antonio 95
Larry Bird was immense in this game with 38 points and 15 rebounds as the Celtics handed the Spurs their fourth consecutive loss.

Portland 120 Boston 101
Portland, having lost only three games at home all season, took

advantage of Boston's ice-cold shooting to pull away for the win. The Celtics missed 18 straight shots in the third quarter, allowing the Trail Blazers to break open a close game. Kevin McHale led the Celtics with 33 points in the loss.

Los Angeles Lakers 116 Boston 110
The Lakers handed the Celtics their seventh straight loss in the latest chapter of this huge rivalry. The running game of the Lakers wore down the Celtics attack as the Lakers pulled away late in the game.

Magic Johnson led the Lakers with 30 points while Reggie Lewis led the Celtics with 24 points.

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